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Records of Lemerville District

Law:

Art 1 The boundaries of this district shall be as follows. Commencing at the mouth of Walters fork of Clear creek & running down Clear Creek two miles & up the same two & one half miles & northwardly up Walters fork two & one half miles & South to the top of the divide enclosing the claims included in said limits to be known as the Lemerville mining district.

Art 2 The officer of this district shall be a Secretary who shall be elected by the miners & hold his office during the pleasure of the majority

Art 3 The duty of the Secretary shall be to record the proceedings of all meetings held by the miners. To call meetings when called upon to do so in cases of dispute or otherwise and to record all claims transferred of

claim &c in a book kept for that purpose and he shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of one dollar for recording each claim or transfer & two dollars for calling meeting &c in case of dispute)

4th 4 Each miner shall be entitled to hold one bench claim one gulch claim one water or river claim & one lead claim & no more except by purchase or representation by actual labor thereon

5th 5th Bench claims shall be 100 feet in length & the width of the bench Gulch claim 100 feet in length by from bank to bank River claims where it may be necessary to turn the stream shall be 200 feet in length & extend from one bank of the stream to the base of the mountain on the opposite side & Lead claims 100 feet on the lead & 25 feet on each side

And § No claim shall be considered held or good unless worked within ten days after being staked and every ten days thereafter Unless recorded by the Secretary But in all cases at least five hours work must be done by the claimant on one or more of the claims

§ 7 Where claims are held by companies it must be so stated upon the stakes marking such claims & the names of all the members of the company must be given upon the records with a description of such claims And when members of a company are at work upon one claim of the company all the others shall be considered as worked by notice being posted on the same

§ 8 In all gulches or ravines where water may be scarce the oldest claimants shall have preference (priority of right) to water

Art 9 In case where the benches or bank of a stream mining claim have been claimed prior to the bed of the stream parties claiming the bed for mining purposes shall be entitled to right of way across adjoining claims unless the exercise of such right, should render such claims unfit for work

Art 10 In case of dispute in regard to claims or other matters of difference between parties the secretary shall when called upon by either party upon the payment of the fee prescribed for such service call a meeting of the miners whose duty it shall be to attend it, who when convened shall elect a disinterested member of their own body to act as president who said president shall have power so to, shall be his duty to select 4 men; the contesting parties to reject alternately until the number is reduced to three which three shall

constitute a jury & decide such disputes by a majority vote, the President being empowered to administer to jurors & witnesses the customary legal oath or affirmation

Art 11 Individuals or companies may claim & hold also for mines by having the same recorded by the Secretary & building upon the claim within 30 days from date of claiming

Art 12 These laws may be altered or amended by a two thirds vote of the miners present at a special meeting notice having been given by posting in three conspicuous places & at least 9[illegible] days in advance

Passed July 29th 1859

E James
Secy

At a meeting of the Miners of Downieville District held Septr 6th 1859 The legal notice having been given The following resolution was unanimously adopted viz

That all claims now property held in this district shall hold good until the 15th day of June A D 1860 and all water or mill site claims for one year from this date without improvement

Passed Septr 6th 1859

E James
Secy

At a Meeting of the Miners of Dominicille District, held Aug 4th 1860 The legal Notice having been given. The following amendments and revisions to the foregoing laws were unanimously adopted. To wit.

An Act

to provide for and define the future boundaries of Dominicille District.

Sec 1st Be it enacted by the citizens of Dominicille District assembled in convention, That the boundaries of this district shall be as follows. Commencing at a point on the south bank of Clear Creek opposite the mouth of Waldens Fork, thence up said Clear Creek to the first place where said Clear Creek forks, thence due North to the North bank of Waldens Fork thence down said Waldens Fork to the place of beginning.

Sec 2d Be it further enacted that the boundaries of this district shall not be changed hereafter

the consent of two thirds of all the citizens of this district present at a regularly called Meeting -

Sec 3d. Be it further enacted that if any persons shall wish to change the boundaries of this district or erect another district within the same as any any territory before that time not belonging thereunto, a public meeting of the citizens shall be called, ten days notice given of the same, by putting up different Notices of said meeting, in as many conspicuous places. If the petition for a new district a change of boundary applied for in this district be granted, it shall not take effect for ten days thereafter.

An Act

Defining claims and regulating titles thereto.

Section 1st Be it enacted by the citizens of Dominica in this district in convention assembled that -

All Mining Lodes of gold & any other precious or useful Metals, and all Mining & other claims shall be held understood defined & the provisions of this act

Section 2d. Be it further enacted that the term claim as used in this district shall be construed to mean when applied to a Lode, One hundred feet along the same and fifty feet in width, when applied to a gulch claim One hundred feet along the same and from bank to bank, When applied to a bar claim, One hundred feet up and down the bench or bar bed extending from the creek to the base of the Mountain, When applied to a Placer or placer diggings One Hundred feet square When applied to Tunnel claims, the entire distance it is intended to run the said for discovery purposes and including fifty hundred feet on each side of such tunnel on every Lode which said tunnel may cross

provided that such portion of said Lode, shall not be taken up at the time of the locating said tunnel. If such portion of any lode so crossed, be taken previous to the location of said tunnel, the person owning and running said tunnel shall be entitled to one thousand feet on any such lode so crossed, not taken up at the time of locating said tunnel. When applied to Mill claims, three hundred feet square with the exclusive right to use the water on said claim. When applied to a Ditch claim, the entire distance which the owner intends to run the same, as shown by the survey and stated. When applied to a Ranch claim a farming claim, one hundred and sixty acres (160) When applied to a Building claim, twenty two (22) feet front by one hundred (100) feet deep.

Sec 3d Be it further enacted.
That no person shall have more than one Lode, Gulch, Patch or Bar claim in this district except by purchase or discovery.
Sec 4th Be it further enacted that no person shall hold more than one Mill, Farm, Building or Ground claim in this district except by purchase.
Sec 5th Be it further enacted
That the first record of any claim duly recorded in the books of this district shall hold said claim against any other claimant.
Sec 6th Be it further enacted.
That all claims with the exception of Bar, Patch & Gulch claims which have been staked up or may be staked up before the 1st day of August A D 1861 shall hold good until that time.
Sec 7th Be it further enacted that any Members of a company may stake up as many claims of each

kind as then are members of such company, provided that the name of each member of said company shall appear on the record of such claims.

Sec 8th Be it further enacted that all deeds, bills of sale & instruments of any kinds relating to the conveyance of claims, shall be witnessed by at least two disinterested persons and recorded

Sec 9th Be it further enacted that any person discovering a lode shall be entitled to a discovery claim on such lode, and such discovery claim shall be called property.

An Act

Relative to the officers of Downieville District, their duties, terms of office and fees.

Sec 1st Be it enacted by the citizens of Downieville District in Convention assembled, that there shall

be elected in this district on the first Saturday of August in each year the following officers. who shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year unless they shall sooner die or resign their offices. To Wit. A President, A Recorder and a Sheriff.

Sec 2d Be it further enacted that that the Sheriff of this district shall have the same powers that are given to a Sheriff by the laws of Iowa

Sec 3d Be it further enacted that it shall be the duty of the President of this district to preside at all public Meetings of the citizens of this district when called for purposes relating to public business, and to preside at the trial of all cases in the Miners Court.

Sec 4th Be it further enacted that it shall be the duty of the Recorder regularly to keep the books and records of this district, and to record all proper papers on the same.

of his fees, to act as Secretary of the district at all public meetings of the district, and to keep all Monies paid into his hands by the Judge of the Miners Court, to be paid as may be directed by the citizens at some public meeting legally called.

Sec 5th. Be it further enacted that the fees of the Recorder shall be one dollar for each claim or instrument in writing recorded and such other fees on ~~[illegible]~~ this district business as shall be allowed by the citizens ~~[illegible]~~ & the Sheriff may charge double the fees allowed a Sheriff of Kansas Territory. And the ~~[illegible]~~ Judge of the Miners Court, five dollars for presiding at each trial, and double the fees allowed by the laws of Kansas for making out the papers proper for him to make out.

Sec 6th. Be it further enacted that every person shall be entitled to vote in this district who owns a claim therein

which is recorded.

An Act

Repealing certain laws now in force in Downieville District

Sec 1st Be it enacted by the citizens of Downieville District in Convention assembled that all laws or parts of laws heretofore in force in this district which conflict with the laws passed at this Meeting are hereby repealed.

An Act

To amend an "Act. Defining claims and Regulating titles thereto.

Be it enacted by the citizens of Downieville District in Convention assembled that all Mill claims shall be rented property.

Passed Aug 14th 1860

W L Seitz

G A Goodenough Sec

Records of Claims, D M D

Mc Sean Sisley & Co's Mill Site Claims

The undersigned have this 9th day of July 1859 - claims 900 feet as water privilege and Mill site on Wallens fork of Clear Creek Commencing 60 feet below the base of the high boulder bench on the west side of said Wallens fork & running thence up the stream the distance required

Sam'l Mc Sean
Wm E Sisley
Edwin James

Recorded July 29th 1859

Records of Claims D M D

Thomas Cogswell &c Mill Site Claims

The undersigned have this 10th day of July A D 1859 claimed 1200 feet as water privilege and for mill site purposes on Wabsens fork of Clear Creek commencing at the upper end of the claims of Mc Lean Disley & Co & running thence up the stream. Four claims of Three Hundred feet each

Thomas Cogswell
John W Markle
H B Eighmy
John B Goldsberry

Recorded July 29th 1859

Records of Claims D M D

J B Stems & Co's Lead Claims

The undersigned claim Eleven Hundred feet by 50 wide on the Stems Lode. One Hundred feet is held by right of discovery & Known as the discovery Claim & the remaining 1000 feet by rights of pre emption & known as Numbers 1. 2. 3. 4. 5 & 6 West of the discovery & numbers 4. 5. 6 & 7 East of the discovery

James B Stems
Edwin James
John B Goldsberry
John W. Markle
Thos J Gillian
Chas W Farley
J. P Weiterman
Sam's Mc Lean
W E Staley
George Mc Lean

Recorded July 29th 1884